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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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An IV pole mountable, therapeutic infusate processing device is incorporated into a hypothermia system to receive therapeutic fluid(s), such as normal saline, peritoneal dialysis solution, or other crystalloid solution, to heat such therapeutic fluid(s) a few degrees centigrade above normal body temperature and to direct the resulting heated infusate to and through a selected anatomical portion of a patients body to raise the temperature of that body portion so as to affect any cancerous or other tumors that may be located therein. The processing device is provided with touch screen controls and visual indicators to facilitate its proper use; while the system further includes temperature and pressure sensors to monitor the hyperthermia processing to insure patient safety.

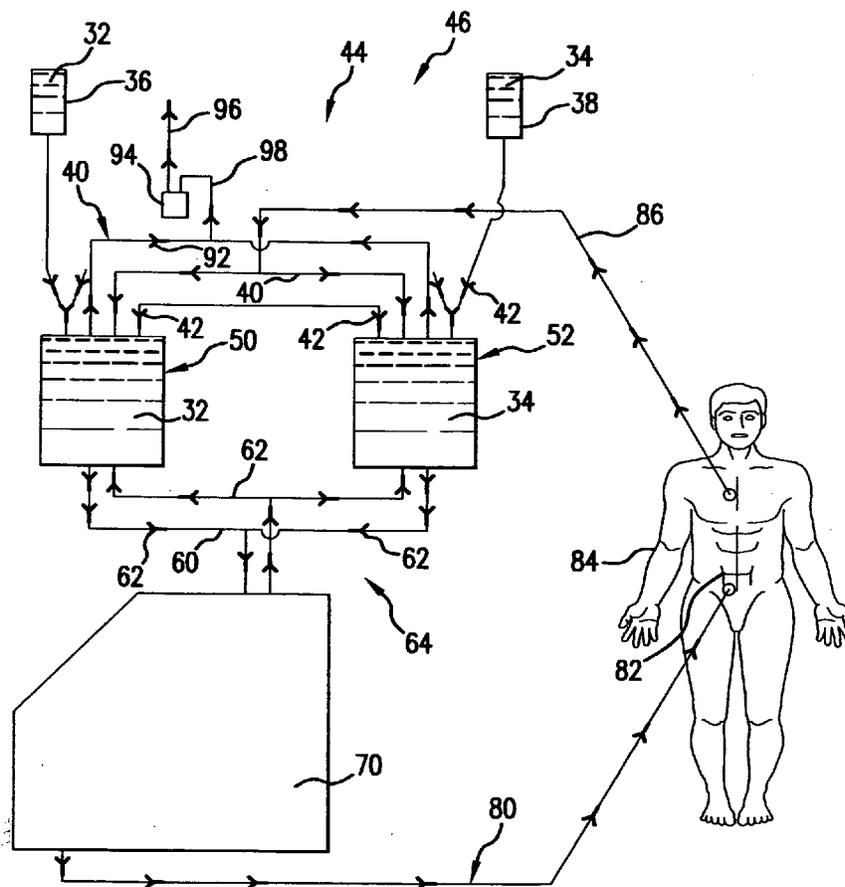
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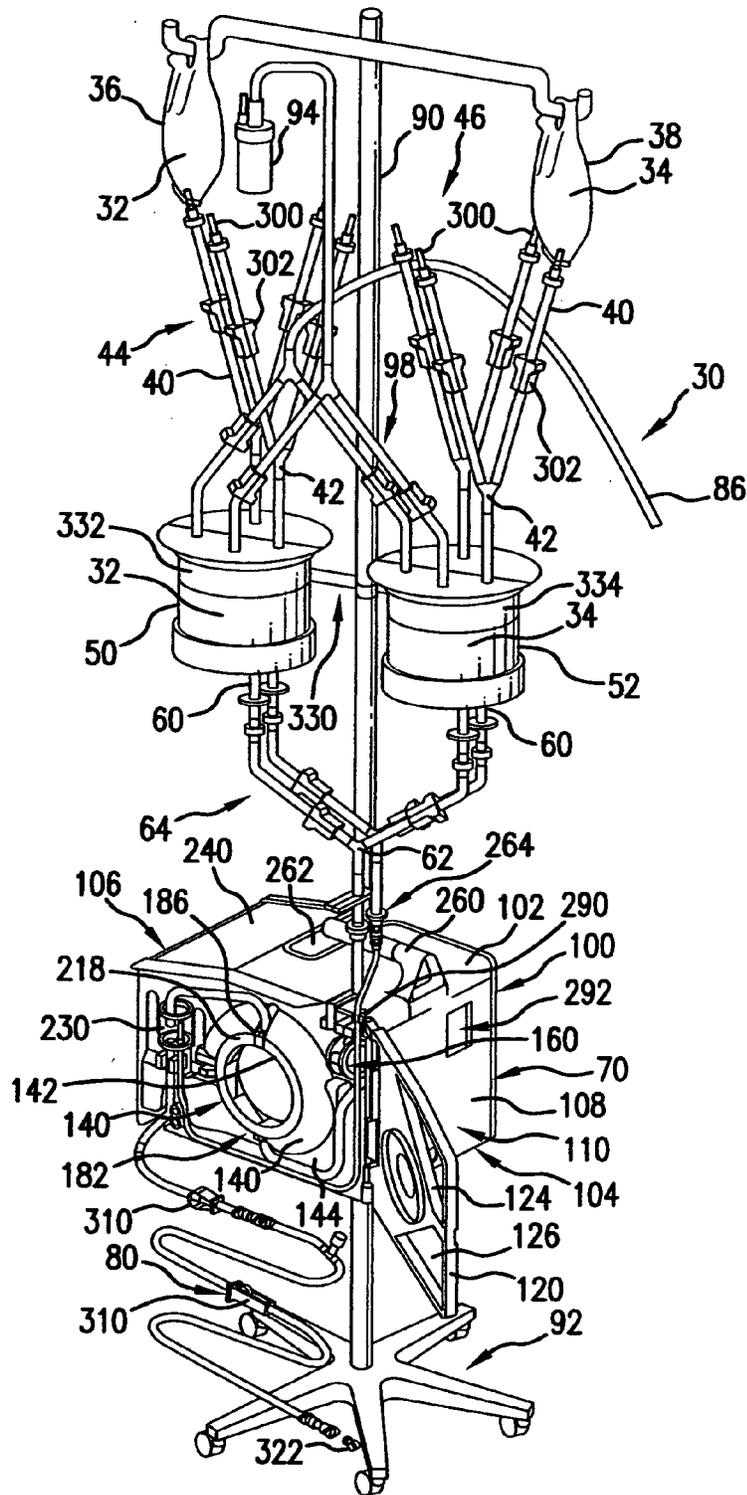


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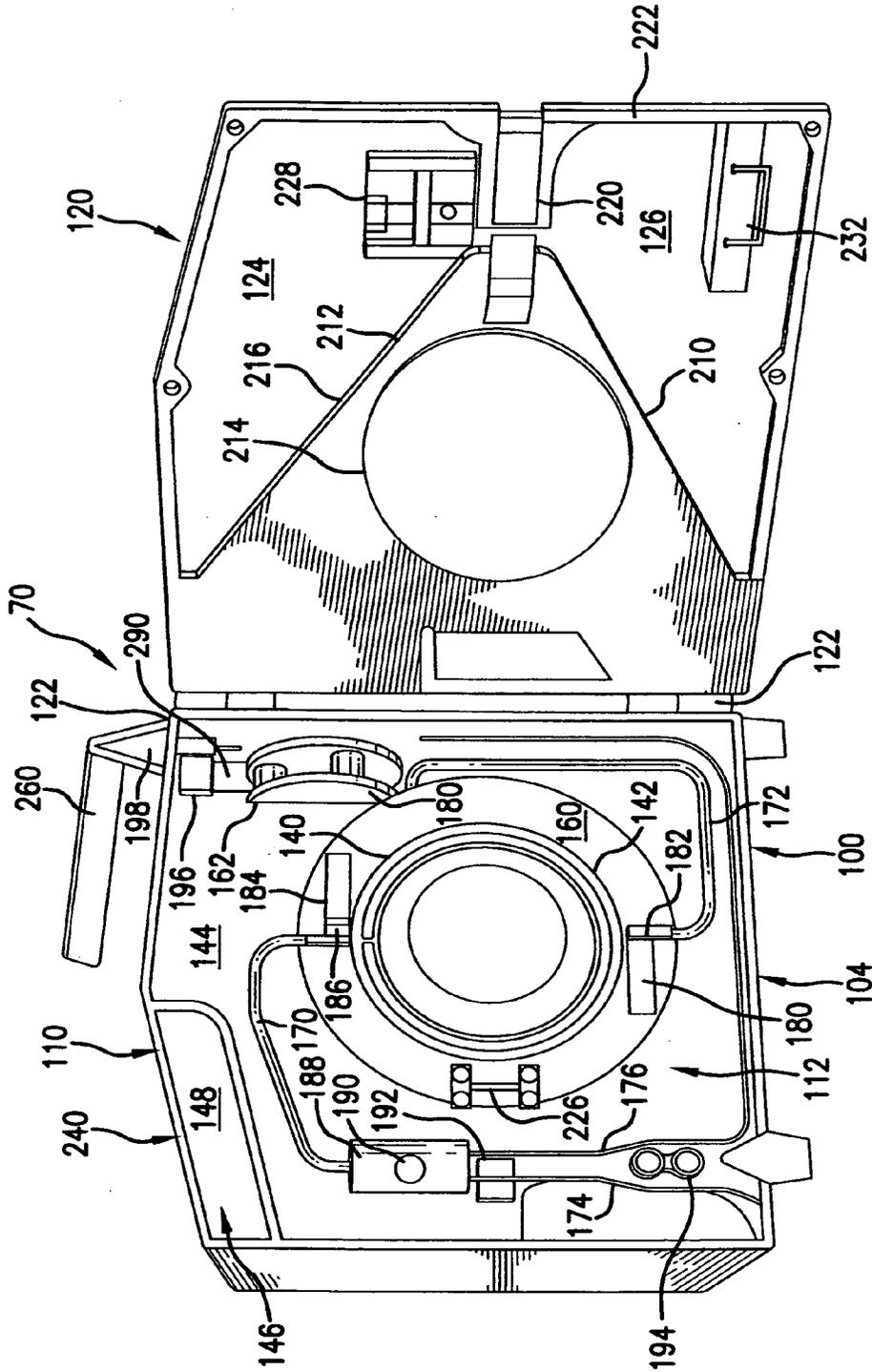


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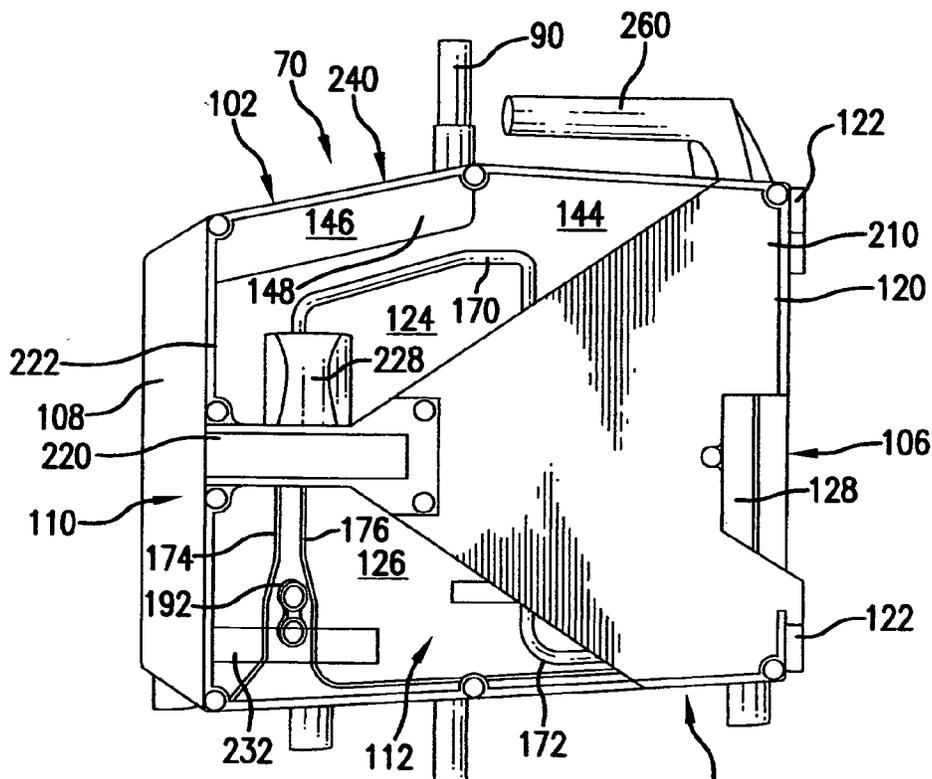


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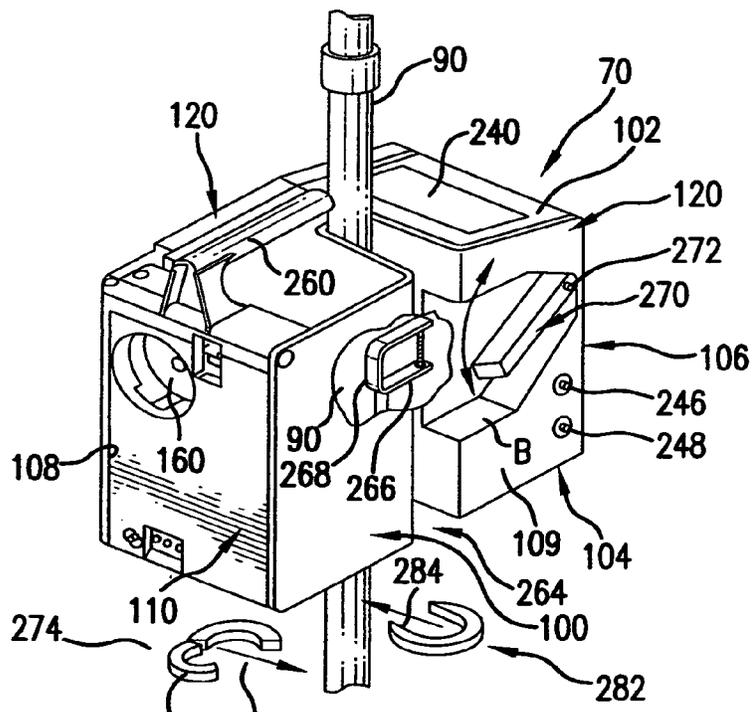


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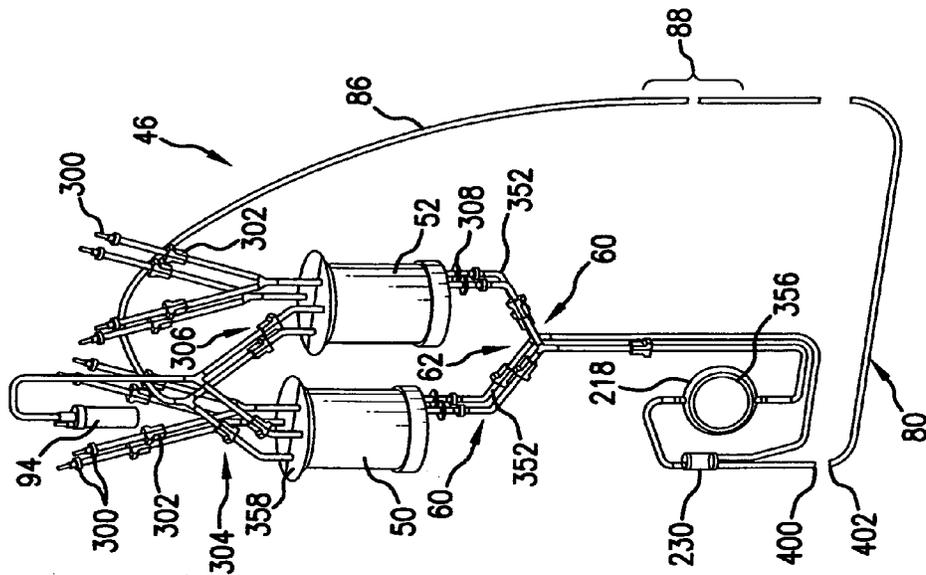


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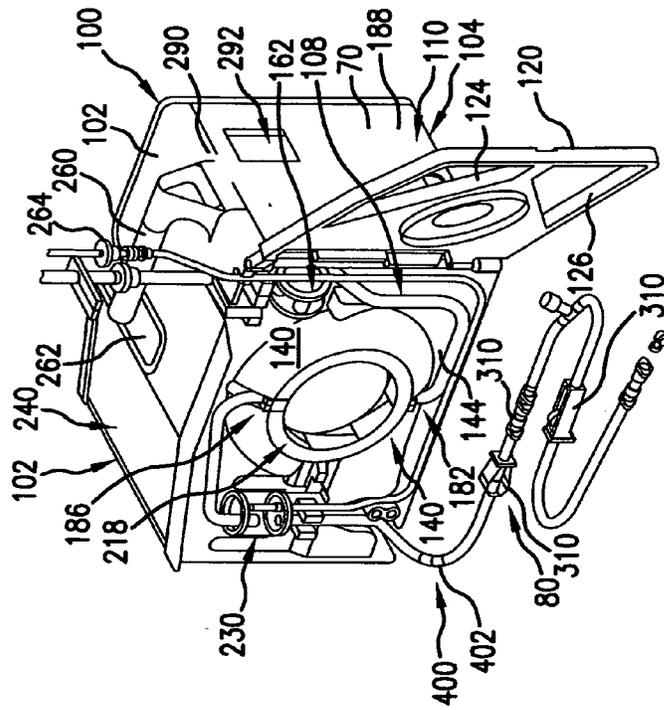


FIG. 7

240

Rate = 750 ml/min		Tout = 42.5°C	
Vol = 16.2L		T1 = 42.3°C	
P = 125 mmHg		T2 = 42.0°C	
Rate ▲		Target ▲ 42.5°C	Stop
Rate ▼		Target ▼ 42.5°C	

FIG. 8

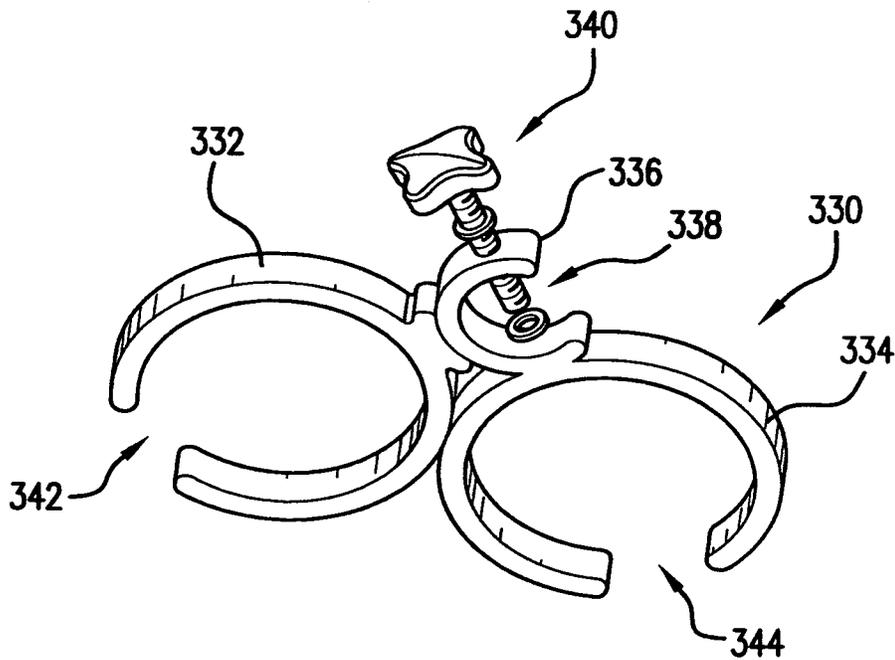


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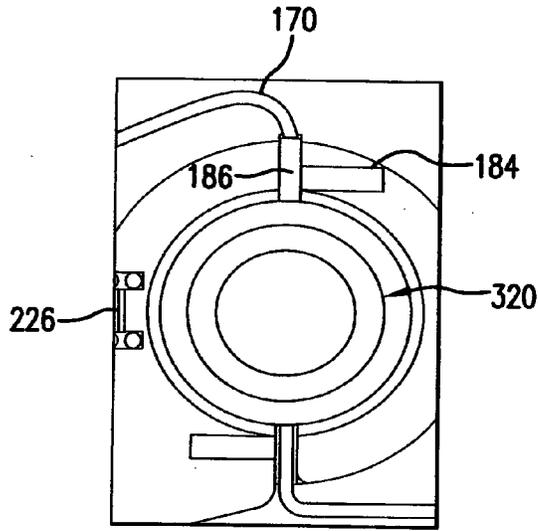


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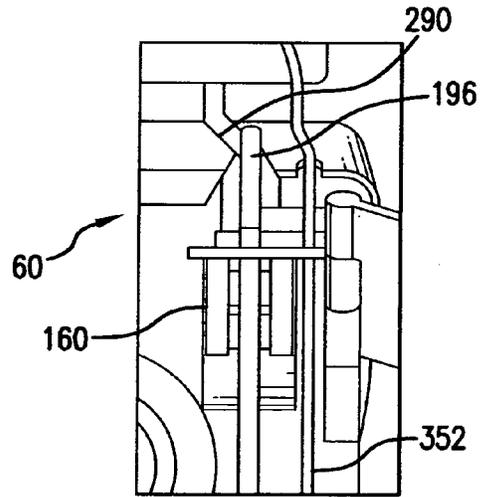


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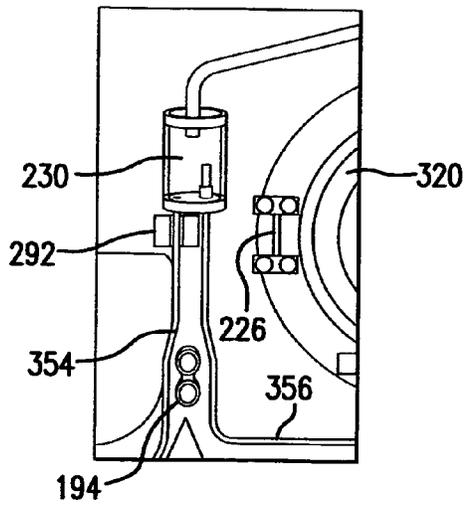


FIG. 12

HYPERTHERMIA, SYSTEM, METHOD, AND COMPONENTS

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] 1. Field of Application

[0002] This invention relates to the treatment of diseases by raising body temperature; and more particularly to raising the temperature of a specific anatomical portion or portions of a body.

[0003] 2. Description of the Prior Art

[0004] Hyperthermia as a treatment of tumors has been carefully studied and applied. There appear to have been multiple reports of tumor regression coincident with febrile episodes. Some analysis revealed that body temperatures greater than 41 degree. C. are ordinarily needed to induce tumor necrosis (tumor death). Although, there are multiple methods of inducing hyperthermia by either direct skin contact or radiant heating, many physicians have favored an extracorporeal heat exchange (blood) circuit to raise patient body temperatures. Some patients have been maintained at 41.5 degrees to 42 degrees. C. (rectal temperature) for three to four hours without severe cardiovascular compromise; however, others have suffered elevation of serum transaminases and bilirubin when kept at such temperatures for greater than 10 to 40 minutes. There have also been instances of neurological damage in association with serum hypophosphatemia, although no significant problems occurred once phosphate levels were maintained. Death may also occur for patients receiving hyperthermia at 41.5 degree. to 42 degree. C. for 1½ to hours, presumably from massive liver tumor necrosis.

[0005] U.S. Pat. No. 2,886,771 to Vincent; U.S. Pat. No. 3,482,575 to Claff; U.S. Pat. No. 4,061,141 to Hyden, U.S. Pat. No. 4,191,182 to Popovich; U.S. Pat. No. 4,321,918 to Clark; U.S. Pat. No. 4,322,275 to Jain; U.S. Pat. No. 4,381,004 to Babb; U.S. Pat. No. 4,479,798 to Parks; U.S. Pat. No. 4,540,401 to Marten; U.S. Pat. No. 4,563,170 to Aigner; U.S. Pat. No. 4,576,143 to Clark and U.S. Pat. No. 4,692,188 to Troutner et al.; all relate to methods for the extracorporeal treatment of blood for cancers, viruses and parasites. Tumors are vulnerable to heat and the goal of hyperthermic treatment therapy is to achieve cytotoxic temperatures in the tumor for a sufficient length of time without damaging the surrounding normal tissue. The rate at which blood flows through any given area of tissue determines the amount of heat that may be carried away and therefore is a major determinant of the temperature rise in that tissue. In normal tissue, heat causes vasodilatation. In a tumor, the microvasculature is made up of an overabundance of capillary beds, which are unable to dilate. Blood flow through the area is thus more sluggish and commensurately unable to dissipate heat applied to the area. The inability to respond to heat by dilation, as normal vasculature would, also subjects the tumor to hypoxia, anaerobic metabolism and local acidosis, and these conditions in turn make the tumor tissue more vulnerable to thermal injury.

[0006] Ser. No. 5,354,277 and U.S. Pat. No. 5,476,444 are directed to methods and apparatus for effecting whole-body hyperthermia; however, the equipment and procedures disclosed appear to suffer from relatively difficult temperature controls for the fluid handling systems; possible risk of contamination; and possible difficulty to optimize the fluid handling system for a particular indication.

[0007] Some physicians, on the other hand, favor heating only body cavities, such as the peritoneal, and/or chest, cavity with heated fluids to create hyperthermia of the respective tissue surfaces within the cavity. U.S. Pat. No. 6,579,496 and U.S. Pat. No. 6,827,898 appear to be directed to not only body hyperthermia through extracorporeal blood heating with circulation of the heated blood through a patient; but also to heating a therapeutic fluid for passage through a regional anatomical area of the body. These patents describe systems which kluge together hospital available equipment such as hemodialysis machines with tubular heat exchangers and high flow positive displacement pumps. The resulting equipment appears to be large and cumbersome, for the task and for the relatively tight hospital quarters for the patient. In addition, the heating of therapeutic fluids, that are to pass through the patient's body, and the passing of such fluids through the patient's body, at such elevated temperatures and flow rates, could be damaging to the patient and even more detrimental to the patient than the disease to be treated.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0008] It is therefore an object of this invention to provide new and novel systems for implementing hyperthermia.

[0009] It is another object of this invention to provide new and novel methods for implementing hyperthermia.

[0010] It is yet another object of this invention to provide new and novel apparatus for incorporation into hyperthermia implementation systems and methods.

[0011] It is yet still another object of this invention to provide new and novel hyperthermia systems to be used in therapeutic procedures in which fluid is held at a few degrees centigrade above normothermic to be pumped into a body cavity and continuously withdrawn and reheated.

[0012] It is yet still another object of this invention to provide new and novel hyperthermia systems and methods, to be used in therapeutic procedures, in which the combination of temperature and fluid flow rate for therapeutic fluid(s) used thereby are optimized and may be operation set.

[0013] It is yet still another object of this invention to provide new and novel hyperthermia systems and methods, to be used in therapeutic procedures, in which the combination of temperature and fluid flow rate for therapeutic fluid(s) are optimized, by heating the therapeutic fluid to only a few degrees C., above normothermic, and, by circulating, withdrawing and re-circulating such fluid, to and through a body cavity, at a flow rate commensurate with the selected temperature; to provide an efficient hyperthermia system and method which is relatively effective and safe for the patient, and may be operator set.

[0014] It is yet still another object of this invention to provide new and novel hyperthermia systems to be used in therapeutic procedures in which therapeutic fluid is held at a few degrees centigrade above normothermic to be pumped into a body cavity at a relatively safe flow rate while being continuously withdrawn and reheated.

[0015] It is yet still another object of this invention to provide a new and novel system and method for heating infusion fluids in which such fluids are heated to a predetermined temperature during slack time between infusion demands, and held as so heated in anticipation of future use.

[0016] It is yet still another object of this invention to provide new and novel hyperthermia systems to be used in therapeutic procedures in which the infusion fluid is heated

to a predetermined temperature during slack time, between infusion demands, and held as so heated in anticipation of future use.

[0017] It is yet still another object of this invention to provide new and novel hyperthermia systems to be used in therapeutic procedures in which the infusion fluid is heated to a predetermined temperature during slack time, between infusion demands and without intervention of an operator, and held as so heated in anticipation of future use.

[0018] It is yet still another object of this invention to provide new and novel disposable fluid administration sets which are constructed of materials that can be sterilized and made pyrogen free by conventional methods and so that single use thereof is economically feasible.

[0019] It is yet still another object of this invention to provide new and novel disposable fluid administration sets which are constructed of materials that are free of latex and DEHP.

[0020] Other objects of this invention will hereinafter become obvious from the following description of the preferred embodiments of this invention.

[0021] The instant hyperthermia system and method utilizes therapeutic fluid heated to only a few degrees above normothermic and which is pumped at a reasonable flow rate. The system monitors fluid temperature, line pressure, and air in the fluid path to ensure safe operation and alarms at all unsafe conditions. An override circuit prevents unsafe operation in case of system computer failure. A touch screen displays flow rate, total fluid pumped, output temperature, patient temperature (2 locations specified by the physician), line pressure, alarm and status messages and proper procedures to proceed safely after an alarm situation. Keys appropriate to a particular point in the operation are displayed on the touch screen.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0022] In the drawings:

[0023] FIG. 1 is a diagram of the hyperthermia system and method, incorporating and embodying the principals of and the instant invention, shown with a representation of a patient's body.

[0024] FIG. 2 is a perspective elevation view of a therapeutic fluid processing device incorporating the instant invention and which includes a fluid heater and pump, shown with a disposable IV set, also incorporating the instant invention, positioned for co-action with the mechanisms of the fluid processing device, all as mounted upon an IV pole;

[0025] FIG. 3 is a front elevation view of the fluid processing device of FIG. 2 with its access door open to better show details of some of the mechanisms there-within;

[0026] FIG. 4 is a perspective elevation view of the fluid processing device of FIGS. 2 & 3 showing same being mounted to the IV pole with its access door closed;

[0027] FIG. 5 is a perspective elevation view of the fluid processing device of FIGS. 2-4 showing same being mounted to the IV pole;

[0028] FIG. 6 is a perspective elevation view of the disposable set of FIG. 2, incorporating the instant invention;

[0029] FIG. 7 is a perspective elevation view of the fluid showing a portion of the disposable set of FIGS. 2 and 6, installed within the fluid processing device of FIGS. 2-5, enlarged somewhat, to better show detail thereof.

[0030] FIG. 8 is a face view of the control panel display/monitor for the fluid processing device of FIGS. 2-5;

[0031] FIG. 9 is a perspective view of a reservoir holding bracket for mounting the two fluid reservoirs of the disposable set of FIG. 6, to the IV pole, as shown in FIG. 2.

[0032] FIG. 10 is a partial elevation view inside the fluid processing device of FIGS. 2-5 and 7, showing the mounting there within of the heat exchanger of the disposable set of FIG. 6;

[0033] FIG. 11 is a partial elevation view inside the fluid processing device of FIGS. 2-5 and 7, showing the mounting there within of the interlock of the disposable set of FIG. 6 into the fluid out detector of the fluid processing device of FIGS. 2-5 and 7; and,

[0034] FIG. 12 is a partial elevation view inside the fluid processing device of FIGS. 2-5 and 7, showing the mounting there within of the pressure chamber of the disposable set of FIG. 6 into a pressure chamber well of the fluid processing device of FIGS. 2-5 and 7.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTIVE EMBODIMENTS

[0035] With reference to FIGS. 1 & 2, there is generally shown at 30 a hyperthermia system, incorporating the instant invention. Therapeutic infusion fluid(s) 32, and/or 34, are provided to system 30 from either one or more conventionally available IV type bags 36, 38. Fluid tubular lines 40 and "Y" connectors 42, of section 44 of an infusion fluid disposable set 46, direct infusion fluid 32, 34 to reservoirs 50, 52, of the infusion fluid disposable set 46; for storage and further use as will be described in greater detail hereinafter. Additional tubular fluid lines 60 and "Y" connectors 62, of section 64 of disposable set 46, direct fluid(s) 32, 34 from reservoirs 50, 52 to and through a therapeutic fluid processing device 70. Therapeutic fluid 32, 34 after being processed by device 70 is directed into a patient tubular fluid feed line 80 (FIG. 1) to a respective anatomical portion 82 of a patient's body 84, and then, from that anatomical portion 82, by a patient tubular fluid return line 86 back to and through fluid lines 40 and "Y" connectors 42 to reservoirs 50 and or 52. Fluid feed line 80, and fluid return line 86 together constitute a patient's line 88 (FIGS. 2,6) that may be provided as two separate lines or as a single patient line 88 of predetermined length to be divided into feed line 80 and return line 86 as it is required and as will be hearing after explained in grater detail.

[0036] Therapeutic fluid processing device 70 is of a weight, size and configuration that permit it to be mounted to, and utilized when, carried by a conventional IV pole 90 (FIGS. 2, 4 & 5) whether, or not, such IV pole is provided with a wheel base 92 as shown in FIG. 2. Device 70 may just as easily be utilized when positioned on a substantially horizontal surface such as a table, cabinet or the like as long as it is in proximity to the patient that is to undergo the intended procedure.

[0037] A vacuum trap 94 (FIGS. 1,2 and 6) is connected by a suitable vacuum line 96 (FIG. 1) to the vacuum regulator/wall suction (not shown) of the location (hospital, etc.) where patient 84 is to be treated and by a vacuum line 98 (FIGS. 1,2 and 6) and "Y" to the top of reservoirs 50, 52.

[0038] Device 70 includes a housing 100 (FIGS. 2-5); which includes a top 102, a bottom 104, a left side 106, a right side 108 and a back 109 (FIG. 5) which together form a housing body 110 and define there within a component

space 112 (FIG. 3). An access door 120, hingedly connected to body portion 110 as at 122 (FIGS. 3 & 4), permits access into component space 112 and to mechanisms and components housed and mounted within housing 100; as will be explained in greater detail herein after. Windows 124, 126, and 128, formed through access door 120, are covered with "Plexiglas", or similar transparent material, to facilitate observance of the processing taking place by device 70.

[0039] A conventionally available magnetic induction heater 140 (FIGS. 2 and 3), securely positioned within component space 112 of housing body 110, includes a heating ring 142 (FIG. 3) that projects through a component wall 144 (FIGS. 2 & 3) fixedly and vertically positioned within housing body 110. Suitable and conventional electric power is provided to therapeutic fluid processing device 70, through a power cord (not shown) that is to be connected to an electric outlet (not shown), and there from to heater 140. A substantially conventional computer 146 (FIG. 3), also fixedly positioned within housing body 110, along with its control and operating software and/or hardware 148, also receives power through the power cord (not shown). Device 70 may also be provided with back-up batteries (not shown) (rechargeable or otherwise) also housed within housing body 110 and suitably connected to the components and mechanisms there within that require electric power to operate. A conventional roller-type peristaltic pump 160, also positioned within housing body 110 and with a portion 162 of pump 160 extending out through wall 144, also receives suitable electric power through the power cord (not shown) and operates under control of computer 146 and its associated software/hardware 148 as will be explained in greater detail herein after.

[0040] Positioning grooves 170, 172 (FIG. 3) are formed in the surface of component wall 144, of housing 110, to receive specific sections of tubular fluid lines 60 (FIG. 2) of section 64 of disposable set 46. Positioning guidelines 174, 176 are also provided on wall 144 to facilitate positioning and placement of relatively narrower tubular fluid lines as will be further explained herein after. A temperature probe 180 (FIGS. 2 & 3) is mounted on wall 144 proximate a fluid entry 182 (FIG. 3) to heater 140 and another temperature probe 184 (FIGS. 2 & 3) is mounted on wall 144 at a fluid exit 186 (FIG. 3) from heater 140. Temperature probes 180, 184 are suitably connected to power and computer 146, and its software/hardware, and they are of the infrared type but other types of temperature probes may just as well be so mounted and used as will be further explained herein after. A substantially semi-cylindrical pressure chamber well 188, formed in wall 144, receives a pressure transducer 190, which is also mounted to wall 144 of housing 100 proximate an air detector 192. A diversion valve 194 is also mounted on wall 144 between fluid line positioning grooves 174, 176. A fluid out detector 196 is carried by wall 144 proximate a fluid entry 198 into device 70 and its fluid pump 160.

[0041] Access door 120 is formed with a door panel 210. An inner surface 212 (FIG. 3) of door panel mounts a ferrite, or iron core, magnetic plate 214 with a lip 216 extending out there from, for co-action with heater ring 142 of magnetic induction heater 140 and heat exchanger rings 218 (FIGS. 2 & 6) of disposable set 46; as will be hereinafter explained in greater detail. A door latch support 220 (FIGS. 3 & 4) extends from panel 210 to an edge 222 of access door 120 and supports a door latch 224 (FIG. 3) that co-operates with a door catch 226 that is carried by wall component 144. A

pressure chamber support 228 (FIGS. 3 & 4) extends up from door latch support 220 for co-action with a pressure chamber 230 (FIG. 2) of disposable set 46 when pressure chamber 230 is positioned in pressure chamber well 188 (FIG. 3) proximate pressure transducer 190, as will be hereinafter explained in greater detail. A fluid tube holder 232 (FIGS. 3 & 4) extends inwardly (in the plane of the access door) from edge 222 of access door 120.

[0042] A computer monitor touch screen or display 240 (FIGS. 2-5, 7 & 8) is provided atop housing 100 to provide data output from computer 146 to the operator concerning operation of the therapeutic fluid processing device 70 and for the operator to provide instructions to computer 146, by way of touch screen 240 to control operation of device 70 and system 30. Device 70 is also provided with conventional phone-type input jacks 246 and 248 (FIG. 5) for connection, through conventional cables (not shown) to external temperature probes (not shown) if needed and at locations of the patient's body under physician instructions.

[0043] A carry handle 260 (FIGS. 2-5) is provided for device 70. Housing 100 of device 70 is further formed with an IV pole indent space 262 (FIGS. 2 & 5) having an IV pole entry space 264 of a size and configuration to receive IV pole 90. A device clamp 266 (FIG. 5) is movably mounted within body 110 of housing 100. Clamp 266 includes a clamp end 268 that is either: extendable from housing 100 into space 264 to co-act with IV pole 90 to clamp device 70 to IV pole 90 or retractable from space 264 to release device 70 from IV pole 90 and permit removal there-from. A device clamp-operating handle 270 is pivotally mounted at 272 for movement in a counterclockwise direction from position "A" to position "B" to project clamp end 268 into space 264 for co-action with an IV pole 90 when device 70 is disposed to be secured to an IV pole 90. Pivoting of operating handle 270 from its position "B", clockwise about pivot 272, to position, "A" retracts clamp end 268 and releases device 70 from an IV Pole 90. A device support clamp 274, split at 276 and pivoted together at 278 to facilitate being secured to IV pole 90 to further support device 70 when secured onto IV pole 90, is provided with a set screw 280 to facilitate securing clamp 274 in place as will be further described herein-after. A protective washer 282, open at 284 is sized and configured to snap around IV pole 90, to further facilitate securing device 70 in place on IV pole 90. Support clamp 274 and protective washer 282 together provide a support assembly 286 to facilitate positioning device 70 on IV pole 90. An interlock block 290 (FIGS. 2 & 3) is also positioned in device 70. An on/off switch 292 (FIG. 2) is provided for device 70.

[0044] As set forth herein-above fluid disposable set 46 (FIGS. 2 and 6) includes a pair of reservoirs 50, 52 to be connected to IV bags 36, 38 (FIG. 2), when so required and when mounted on IV pole 90, to receive fluid there-from. The interconnections of reservoirs 50, 52 and IV bags 36, 38 (FIGS. 2 & 6) is accomplished through fluid lines 40 and "Y" connectors 42 as needed and in conventional manner. Conventional bag spikes 300 (FIG. 6) and bag clamps 302, as well as connectors 306 and quick connectors 308 may be utilized in setting up disposable set 46. For description purposes disposable set 46 has been divided into two sections with section 44 extending from fluid bags 36, 38 to reservoirs 50, 52 and set 64, with its fluid lines 60 and "Y" connectors 62 extending from reservoirs 50, 52 to and through fluid processing device 70. Check valves 309 and

roller type clamps **310**, as well as other clamps and connectors, similar to those of section **44** may be utilized, in conventional manner when setting up disposable set **46**. Also included as part of disposable set **46** is a set of heat exchanger rings **320** and pressure chamber **230**; as well as patient line to be divided, as needed, into fluid supply line **80** with its vent cap **322** (FIGS. 2 & 7) and fluid return line **86** (FIGS. 1 & 6). A dual reservoir holder **330** (FIGS. 2 & 8) includes reservoir receivers **332** and **334** that are sized and configured to receive, position and hold reservoirs **50**, **52**, respectively. A reservoir holder securing clamp **336** (FIG. 8), secured to both receivers **332** and **334**, is formed with an opening **338** sized and configured to fit around IV pole **90**. A thumb-type screw **340** is threaded through clamp **336** to facilitate securing holder **330** to IV pole **90**. Receivers **332**, **334** are formed with openings **342**, **344** respectively that permit a sufficient degree of movement of holders **332**, **334** to snugly receive and hold reservoirs **50** and **52**. (FIGS. 2 and 6). While holder **320** has been shown with two receivers **332**, **334** it may also be fabricated with a single reservoir receiver as well as being fabricated with reservoir receiver (s) of a size and configuration for the quantity of fluid to be held by the respective reservoir.

[0045] When a physician for a patient prescribes hyperthermia, **86** (FIG. 1) the patient **86** is usually placed in a proper atmosphere, such as a "sterile field" in an operating room. According to the instant hyperthermia system and procedure an IV pole **90** (FIG. 2), a therapeutic fluid processing device **70** and a disposable set **46** are made available. IV Pole **90**, preferably, should be of the 5-wheel type with a maximum diameter 1 1/4". Support Assembly **286** (FIG. 5) is, preferably, secured approximately 30" above wheelbase **92** of IV pole **90** by installing support clamp **276**, in its open position as shown in FIG. 5, around IV pole **90**, closing support clamp **276** and tightening it in place using setscrew **280**. Protective washer **282** is thereafter snapped in place on IV pole **90** above support clamp **276**. With device clamp operating handle **270** rotated to its "A" position and device clamp end **268** retracted from space **264** device **70** is installed on pole **90** just above support assembly **286**. Operating handle **270** is thereafter rotated, in the clockwise direction about its pivot **272**, to project clamp end **268** against IV pole **90** to secure device **70** in place on IV pole **90**. It is proper procedure to check that device **70** is secured in place and so that IV pole **90** will not tip over and that there is nothing obstructing air vents (not shown) provided bottom wall **104**, or otherwise, of device **70**. Reservoir holder **330** (FIGS. 2 & 8) is thereafter clamped onto IV pole **90** approximately 9" above processing device **70** (FIG. 2).

[0046] Reservoirs **50**, **52** are removed from disposable set **46**, using aseptic techniques, by, disconnecting luer connectors **358** (FIG. 6) and disconnecting fluid tubing **40** by pressing in the luer lock tab **360** and pulling out connector **358** and by disconnecting the thinner recirculation fluid line **40** by unscrewing its connector **358**. Reservoirs **50**, **52** when removed from disposable set **46** might best be placed on top of device **70** but other convenient dispositions might be selected by the user.

[0047] With door **120** of device **70** (FIG. 3) open, heat exchanger rings **320** (FIGS. 6 & 10) of disposable set **46** are placed around heater rings **142** of heater **140**. A red arrow (not shown) pointing up may be provided to facilitate installing rings **320** on heater **140** and Red tinted tubing may be utilized to correspond to a red stripe on device **70**.

Interlock block **290** (FIGS. 3 & 11) should be firmly positioned into fluid out detector **196**. A section **350** (FIG. 11) of fluid line **60** (possibly blue tinted and curved to facilitate installation) is guided over the pump head of pump **160**. Relatively thinner re-circulate fluid lines **352** (FIG. 6) extend down from the bottom of each reservoir **50** and **52** to be joined together by a "Y" connector **62** and to extend there from as single re-circulate line **352** that is placed in a groove to the right of pump **160**. The fluid lines should not be kinked or twisted to facilitate proper fluid flow.

[0048] Pressure chamber **230** (FIGS. 2, 6 & 12) is placed into pressure chamber well **188** (FIG. 3) without applying excessive pressure or force thereto. A relative wide perfusion line **354** (FIG. 12), of disposable set **46**, is then firmly inserted into air detector **192** (FIGS. 3 & 12) and to the left of diversion valve **194**. A relatively thinner re-circulate fluid line **356** (FIG. 12), leading from pressure chamber **230**, is position to the right of air detector **192** and to the right of diversion valve **194**. Access door **120** (FIGS. 2 & 3) of device **70** should then be closed insuring that the fluid tubing is not caught thereby. Thereafter a section of fluid line, to be utilized for patient feed line **80** (FIGS. 1 & 2) and return line **86** is connected to the infuse line luer lock. The section of patient feed/return fluid line is preferably 16 feet in length but other lengths may be selected according to physician orders.

[0049] After reservoirs **50**, **52** (FIG. 2) have been placed in reservoir receivers **332**, **334** respectively they are to be assembled back into disposable set **46**, using aseptic techniques. To the top of each of reservoirs **50**, **52** there should be re-attached: two fluid supply tails **362**; one vacuum relief valve **364**; and a "Y" set for connecting a vacuum source **366** to an outer port **368** outside of a filter **370**. To the bottom of each of reservoirs **50**, **52** there should be attached: one "Y" set for reservoir outlet **372**; one "Y" set for recirculation fluid line **374**. Reservoir outlet **372**, and recirculation line **374**, should also be connected to a luer **376** of disposable set **46** and reservoir holder **330** should be adjusted to make sure that the two connection leads underneath reservoirs **50**, **52** are not stretched or kinked.

[0050] To provide a hyperthermia fluid lavage to a portion of the body of patient **84** the system power cord (not shown) should be connected into a grounded, 3-prong, 20 Amp, AC receptacle. The external temperature interface cables (not shown) should be plugged into device **70** at input jacks **246,248** (FIG. 5). Turn power on by firmly pressing on/off switch **292** (FIG. 2) to its "on" position. System **30**, through its computer **146** and associated operating hardware/software **148**, will perform a self-check to check the integrity of system parameters. A caution statement such as "For Hyperthermic Treatment Only. Not for infusion into the circulatory system" may appear on display **240**. Press, "Agree" on display **240** and a "Password" screen may be displayed if a password is to be required. A factory default password, such as 111111 may be entered to set up system **30**. Hang at least one 2-liter sterile fluid bag **36, 38** (FIG. 2) on the IV pole **90**. However, as many fluid bags as ordered by a physician may be hung on IV pole **90**. Preferably, fluid bags **36, 38** are to provide physician ordered therapeutic fluid(s) such as sterile normal saline, peritoneal dialysis solution, or other crystalloid solution. The bag spike cap should be removed from the IV bag(s) and the fluid bag(s) should be fully pierced to ensure that fluids flow freely. The ratchet clamp(s) for the respective pierced solution(s) should be opened. Display

240 may show a PRIME screen. Press PRIME to recirculate 100 ml of fluid at 500 ml/min to remove air and fill the system with fluid. A priming volume, 100 ml, countdown may be displayed on display **240**. Pump **160** is set to stop automatically when countdown reaches 0 ml. If priming has to be stopped, press STOP on display **240** and the prime volume countdown will remain on the screen. To resume priming system **30** Press RESUME PRIME on the display.

[0051] The section of patient line **88** to be utilized for the patient feed line **80** and return line **86**, as referred to herein above, should be given to someone in the “sterile field”, to be divided into patient feed line **80** and return line **86** (with “Y” connection), and then returned from the “sterile field”. Also external temperature connections may be provided from the sterile field along with external temperature interface cables (not shown) to be there after connected to the device **70**, white to white. Push firmly to assure full contact. Forced mating of the connectors can cause malfunction and interruption of electrical continuity. The external temperature probes (not shown), if needed, are placed at patient locations selected by the physician. Such probes may be Data scope **400** series disposable temperature probe with the white probe connector P/N 0206-03-0118-02 or otherwise and are connected to input jacks **246**, **248** (FIG. 5) as described herein above. Return fluid line **86** (FIGS. 1 & 2) is connected to the luer lock of disposable set **46**. A directional arrow may be imprinted on the patient line. One section of return line **86** is connected to a respective one of reservoirs **50**, **52**.

[0052] The patient in feed line **80** should be inspected to make certain that it is completely primed and free of air. This can be accomplished by pressing “PT. LINE PRIME” on display **240**. System **30** will then prime at 400 ml/min. An inspection should be made to make sure that no air remains in patient line **80**. When air is no longer visible, “STOP” on display **240** may be pressed. If there is, air bubbles after diversion valve **194**, press “PT. LINE PRIME” on display **240** again to remove air. The prescribed solution(s) should be dropped into reservoir(s) **50**, **52** either or both. As a caution, everyone involved may be informed that the prescribed solution(s) are ready to insure that only appropriate personnel are left in the room. “PERFUSE” on display **240**, is then pressed and pump **160** starts pumping at 10 ml/min. The “750 ML/MIN” on display **240** should be pressed to operate pump **160** at 750 ml/min. The flow rate may be adjusted, as needed, by pressing “RATE•RATE” on display **240**. The output temperature from heater **140** is adjusted from 37 degrees C. to 46 degrees C. by pressing “TARGET TEMP*/TARGET TEMP•” on display **240** to reach the specified output temperature. The set temperature is displayed in both “TARGET TEMP” * and “TARGET TEMP•” on display **240**. The actual fluid temperature, as it exits the heat exchanger rings **320**, Tout, is also displayed on screen **240**. Temperature is increased/decreased by 0.5 degrees C. every time key is pressed.

[0053] The prescribed solution(s) **32**, **34** are pumped as directed by the surgeon. The vacuum is adjusted to facilitate fluid return. The speed of pump **160** should be regulated to keep the line pressure under the user-set pressure limit. Patient and system parameters should be checked regularly on screen **240** and system alarms should be responded to when and as needed. Additional sterile crystalloid or other solution IV bags **36**, **38** should be spiked, as needed, per the surgeon. System **30** provides for a periodic beep when the

pressure status line flashes and the periodic beep sounds while the system is under pressure control. Line pressure is mainly due to the small orifice of the catheters or any occlusions in the line. A pressure limit may be factory set to a maximum limit of 300 mmHg. Such pressure limit may however be changed as required. System **30** is also programmed to automatically purges air from the system after every two liters of fluid has been pumped. A “RATE” status line displays “REMOVING AIR” during this process. The volume readout (VOI) remains unchanged during automatic air purging and resumes counting when pumping resumes.

[0054] If there is fluid in the disposable set **46** when system **30** is not powered on, patient line **80** should be clamped closed when opening door **120** of device **70** to prevent uncontrolled fluid flow. If the flow rate is at or below 500 ml/min, the recirculation rate is temporarily set to 500 ml/min during automatic air purging. If the flow rate is above 500 ml/min, the recirculation rate is at the actual flow rate. When pumping resumes, the system returns to the previously set flow rate. If on/off switch **292** is not turned to STANDBY device, **70** will automatically switch to Battery Mode and will run until the battery is completely discharged and shut down.

[0055] When the procedure is over pump **160** should be stopped and the ratchet clamp(s) on reservoir outlets should be clamped closed. The vacuum should be increased, but not more than -150 mmHg, as needed, to facilitate emptying the body cavity of patient **84**. If total volume exceeds 6 liters, an alternate source is required to empty the body cavity In order to turn device **70** back to ON, turn on/off switch **292** to STANDBY. Plug device **70** *t* in the AC outlet and wait approximately 20 seconds before turning the power switch to ON. When all volume is reclaimed, clamp off patient line **80** and the bag spikes. Inflow, return line, and external disposable temperature probes (if used) are handed off the “sterile field” in orderly fashion and placed in a chemotherapy bucket along with disposable set(s) **46** and all bags and attachments. All should be disposed according to the hospital policy. On/off switch **292** should be moved to STANDBY.

[0056] In another embodiment of the instant invention reservoirs **50** and/or **52** continue to function, as herein above described, as mixing and containment vessels and as thermal reservoirs. Pressure chamber **230** (FIG. 6) still serves to provide fluid to patient fluid line **80** as well as to re-circulate line **352** which includes a “Y” connector **62** through which fluid is returned to the bottom of reservoirs **50** and **52** through separate sections of line **352** which each contain a check valve **308**. [0013] Pressure chamber **230** has a number of functions, firstly operating as a bubble trap whose function is accomplished by gravitational separation of air from fluid when diversion valve **194** (FIGS. 3 & 12) is in an infuse position permitting fluid flow into patient infuse line **80**. In that position of diversion valve **194** the recirculation line **352** is obstructed and patient line **80** is open. Fluid and any air present is forced into the chamber **230** (FIG. 6), by the peristaltic action of pump **160**, through the top of chamber **230** and such fluid only exits from the bottom of pressure chamber **230** where fluid then continues to the infuse line **80** and to the patient **84**. Fluid line **40**, when threaded over the pump head delivers fluids downstream peristaltic ally when roller pump **160** is rotated. Heat exchanger rings **320** warm the fluid by converting energy generated by heater **140** by means of magnetic induction. Pressure chamber **230** sec-

only functions when diversion valve **194** (FIGS. **3** & **12**) is in its re-circulate position (patient line **80** obstructed and re-circulate line **352** open), to return heated fluid to reservoirs **50** and or **52** and so that the peristaltic action of pump **160** will cause any air collected at the top of the bubble trap in pressure chamber **230** to also travel back to reservoirs **50**, **52**. Pressure chamber **230** thirdly functions, when a wall of pressure chamber **230** is in direct contact with pressure transducer **190** to provide feedback to computer **146** of the internal pressure within the fluid path.

[0057] This inventive embodiment also consists of the provision of a means to store heat energy within reservoirs **50** and/or **52** during off peak periods when there is relatively low fluid flow for use later when high fluid flow is required. To achieve this end input temperature probe **180** measures the temperature of the infusate fluid and, if need be, appropriate action is taken, as by turning diversion valve **194** to its re-circulate position. In that position the fluid is re-circulated from pressure chamber **230** through line **356** to and through reservoirs **50**, **52**, pump **160**, heat exchange rings **320** and back to pressure chamber **230** to prewarm the fluid that is to be provided to patient **84**. When temperature probe **180** indicates that the fluid is at a pre-selected temperature action, of device **70** may be turned off and/or diversion valve **194** turned to its patient position. It is to be understood that this embodiment may be applied either to hyperthermia lavage procedures or to infusing other fluids by IV to patients' bloodstreams or for other medical procedures. It is to be also understood that the diversion valve **194** may be electronically operated under computer control.

[0058] In yet another embodiment of the instant invention the second reservoir may be used for the storage of packed red cells outside of the recirculation path for the purpose of minimizing the number of passes through peristaltic pump **160**. In still a further embodiment of the instant invention, an occlusive roller pump (not shown) whose operation is to act as a metering device replaces diversion valve **194**. A patient fluid feed line is placed within this pump and a re-circulation line is allowed to flow freely. The main infusion would operate at a higher flow rate and the roller pump located at the diversion valve would meter flow to the patient. The algebraic difference between the two pumps would be returned, heated, to the reservoir.

[0059] as various changes could be made in the above constructions without departing from the scope of the invention, it should be understood that all matter contained in the above description and/or shown in the accompanied drawing should be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limited sense.

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37. A process for performing partial body hyperthermia treatment: comprising,

- (a) providing treatment fluid;
- (b) heating the treatment fluid to a temperature just a few degrees above physiological normative for the body to be treated;
- (c) causing fluid flow for the heated fluid, to a selected portion of the body to be treated, and from that body portion;
- (d) causing the fluid to flow from the body portion to be treated in a continuous enclosed path to where the fluid is heated and back to the body portion to be treated, until the treatment procedure is terminated; and
- (e) causing the fluid to flow at an operator set rate.

38. The process for partial body hyperthermia treatment of claim **37** further including,

- (a) controlling the process to continuously monitor the fluid temperature and flow rate as well as detecting air and purging it.

39. A partial body hyperthermia treatment system for providing partial body hyperthermia treatment within at least a portion of a cavity within a body: comprising;

- (a) fluid processing means for processing a predetermined fluid, including fluid heating means to heat the fluid and fluid pump means to pump the fluid through fluid passage means;
- (b) fluid flow tubing means providing fluid passage means to and through said fluid processing means for subsequent flow to a body cavity for hyperthermia treatment within the cavity and from the body cavity back to said fluid processing means;
- (c) said fluid pump means providing a predetermined fluid flow rate;
- (d) said fluid heater heating means heating the fluid to a predetermined temperature; and
- (e) said predetermined temperature not to exceed a physiological temperature which is above normative for a body.

40. The partial body hyperthermia treatment system of claim **39**; wherein said fluid flow tubing means is included as part of a single use disposable set means.

41. The partial body hyperthermia treatment system of claim **39**; wherein said fluid pump means is a roller-type peristaltic volumetric pump.

42. The partial body hyperthermia treatment system of claim **39**; wherein said fluid processing means is of a size and weight that permits it to be mounted on a conventionally available standard IV pole.

43. The partial body hyperthermia treatment system of claim **39**; wherein said fluid processing means further includes:

- (a) first ultrasonic air detector means proximate an inlet for fluid to said fluid flow processing means and second ultrasonic air detector means proximate an outlet for fluid from said fluid processing means to detect and facilitate substantial elimination of air from the fluid;
- (b) pressure control means to facilitate pressure control for the fluid passing through said fluid processing means; and
- (c) touch screen type computer control means co-acting with said first and second air detectors means and said pressure control means as well as with temperature sensor means, for sensing fluid temperature just before the fluid is subjected to heat from said fluid heater means and just after the fluid has been heated by said fluid heater means, for continuous real time tempera-

ture monitoring and to otherwise facilitate fluid processing through said fluid processing means.

44. The partial body hyperthermia treatment system of claim **39**; wherein the fluid to be processed may be either human blood or crystalloid.

45. A hyperthermia system for providing fluid for a body: comprising;

- (a) a fluid processing device including a fluid heater and a fluid pump;
- (b) fluid flow tubing providing a first fluid flow path to and through said fluid processing device for subsequent flow to the body cavity and from the body cavity back to said fluid processing device;
- (c) said fluid pump to provide a predetermined fluid flow rate;
- (d) said fluid heater heating the fluid to a predetermined temperature;
- (e) said fluid flow tubing providing a second fluid flow path back to and through said fluid processing device; and
- (f) a fluid path diversion control for directing the fluid into either said first path or said second path.

46. A hyperthermia system for providing fluid for a body: comprising;

- (a) fluid processing means for processing a predetermine fluid, including fluid heating means to heat the fluid and a fluid pump means to pump the fluid through fluid passage means;
- (b) fluid flow tubing means providing first fluid passage means to and through said fluid processing means for subsequent flow to the body and from the body back to said fluid processing means;

(c) said fluid pump means providing a predetermined fluid flow rate;

(d) said fluid heater heating means heating the fluid to a predetermined temperature;

(e) said fluid flow tubing means providing second fluid flow passage means back to and through said fluid processing means; and

(f) fluid path diversion control means for directing the fluid into either said first passage means or said second passage means.

47. A process for hyperthermia treatment for a body: comprising,

- (a) providing treatment fluid;
- (b) heating the treatment fluid to a predetermined temperature;
- (c) causing fluid flow for the heated fluid;
- (d) causing the fluid to flow either:
 - (i). through a first enclosed path to and through a body to be treated in a continuous enclosed path to where the fluid is heated and back to and from the body to be treated until the treatment procedure is terminated; or
 - (ii). through a second enclosed path from where the fluid is heated and back to and through where the fluid is heated until the fluid is heated to a predetermined temperature; and
- (e) selectively diverting the fluid flow into either said first enclosed path or said second enclosed path.

48. The process of claim **47** including selecting said second fluid path during slack time.

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